

**BUTTE COUNTY
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES COMMISSION
Monday, March 18, 2002
Fiscal Leveraging Workshop Summary & Meeting Minutes**

Held at the Oroville Library and facilitated by Prop 10 Technical Assistance Service Center (TASC) consultant, Barbara Riley.

Commissioners present: Patricia Cragar, Marian Gage, Gary House, Mark Lundberg, Linda Moore, and Sandra Machida.

Commissioners absent: Jane Dolan, and Chair Gene Smith.

Staff present: Cheryl Giscombe, Gina Ellena, and Eva Puciata.

State Consultant Barbara Riley met with Commissioners 3/18 and described financial planning as a "long-term framework for funding strategies." Most counties are developing 10-year financial plans, which inform funding allocations. Financial planning can include creation of a reserve fund, identify new funding, and "leverage funds," which involves drawing Federal entitlement dollars. Leveraging had the advantage of not taking funds away from any other public or private agency. A financial plan evolves from data, strategic plan priorities and assumptions about future funding. CCFC will offer training to local programs in June in the use of templates for financial planning.

Commissioners gave Barbara full marks for her preparation, depth of knowledge, the appropriateness of the information and for accompanying materials.

Commissioners present recommended that the Commissioner Administration Committee pursue feasibility of requesting Barbara's further Technical Assistance in preparing a long-term financial plan for BCCFC via Prop 10 TASC funds made available to each county commission.

Commissioners present also requested the Administration Committee also make a recommendation for approval of additional consultant assistance during the April meeting, if deemed feasible.

Workshop materials were sent to absent commissioners and are on file at office.